

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-8, 11-16 and 20 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend and add new claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An infant positioning system for controllably positioning and supporting an infant during sleep, comprising:

an infant support device configured for receiving the infant, the infant support selectively changing the position of the infant each night; and

a headgear configured to fit about the head of the infant, the headgear dispersing a pressure a sleeping surface places on the head of the infant, the headgear comprising at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being removably attachable to the headgear, the support pad being positionable between the infant's head and the sleeping surface.

2-8. CANCELLED

9. (Currently Amended) The infant positioning system according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein the headgear further comprises at least one rear support pad, the rear support pad being removably attachable to the headgear, wherein the at least one rear support pad is positionable about the back of the infant's head.

10. (Original) The infant positioning system according to claim 9, wherein the rear support pad is toroidal.

11-16. CANCELLED

17. (Currently Amended) An infant sleep ~~headgear~~ apparatus for controllably positioning and supporting a head of an infant during sleep, the apparatus comprising:

a headgear; and

at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being removably attachable to the headgear, wherein the at least one support pad is positionable between the head of the infant and a sleeping surface.

18. (Currently Amended) The infant sleep ~~headgear~~ apparatus according to claim 17, ~~wherein the headgear further comprises~~ comprising at least one rear support pad, the at least one rear support pad being removably attachable to the headgear, wherein the rear support pad is positionable about the back of the head of the infant.

19. (Currently Amended) The infant sleep ~~headgear~~ apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the rear support pad is toroidal.

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21. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 17, further comprising a pocket affixed to the headgear, the pocket being arranged to receive at least one support pad.

22. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein the at least one support pad is arranged to be stackable with at least one other support pad for aligning the infant's head and body.

23. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein a one of the at least one rear support pads is tangentially positioned with respect to a one of the at least one support pads.

24. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one rear support pad has an opening there through, the rear support pad being is

positionable to locate the opening in the rear support pad about a flattened area on the infant's head.

25. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the toroidal rear support pad is positionable to locate an opening in the toroidal rear support pad about a flattened area on the infant's head.

26. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one rear support pad is arranged to be stackable with at least one other rear support pad for one of matching and exceeding the contour of the infant's head on a contra lateral side.

27. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 18, further comprising a rear pocket affixed to the headgear, the rear pocket being arranged to receive at least one rear support pad.

28. (NEW) The infant sleep apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one support pad and the at least one rear support pad are comprised of a soft conforming material.

29. (NEW) A method of using a headgear to controllably position and support a head of an infant during sleep, the method comprising:

- selecting at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being positionable between the head of the infant and a sleeping surface;
- attaching the selected at least one support pad to the headgear; and
- positioning the infant to place the support pad between the head of the infant and the sleeping surface.

30. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, further comprising:
selecting at least one rear support pad, the at least one rear support pad being positionable between the head of the infant and a sleeping surface; and
attaching the selected at least one rear support pad to the headgear.

31. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, further comprising:
selecting a plurality of support pads; and
arranging the plurality of support pads as a stack to align the infant's head and body when
sleeping.

32. (NEW) The method according to Claim 30, further comprising:
selecting a plurality of rear support pads; and
arranging the plurality of rear support pads as a stack for one of matching and exceeding the
contour of the infant's head on a contra lateral side.

33. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, wherein attaching the selected
at least one support pad to the headgear in includes inserting the selected at least one support pad
into a pocket on the headgear.

34. (NEW) The method according to Claim 30, wherein attaching the selected
at least one rear support pad to the headgear in includes inserting the selected at least one rear
support pad into a pocket on the rear of the headgear.

35. (NEW) The method according to Claim 30, wherein the at least one
selected rear support pad has an opening there through, wherein the method further comprises
positioning the opening in the rear support pad about a flattened area on the infant's head.